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REMARKS

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1. Between 9 June and 19 July 1955, the following trucks were observed in the area of the central commissary (Baza) in Werder and at the individual commissaries:

Commissary

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(1) Voichenkov

(2) Tropimov

(3) Belyayev

(4) Balyatski

(5) Toporkov

(6) Mashkin

(7) Dobritski

(8) Tupitsin

(9) Konar

(10) Zenozatski

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(18) Krushilnitski

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(19) Klimenko

Warehouse III (6b) Werder/Glindow

" V (7) Wusterhausen

" VIII (7c) Buckow

" VI (7a) Bad Saarow

" IX (7d) Wildpark West

The following officers were seen visiting the Basa and using the sedans mentioned:

Officers

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Air-force colonel and major

undetermined

Air-force colonel and lieutenant colonel

Air-force three-star general

2. The following information was obtained in regard to the commissaries: Supply officers Voichenkov (fmu) of Commissary (1), Trifimov (fmu) of Commissary (2), and Komar (fmu) of Commissary (14) were on leave in the USSR since late June 1955.

Senior Lieutenant Krushilnitski (fmu), who wore red-bordered silver epaulets, was promoted to the rank of a captain, effective 1 June 1955.

Major Volevach (fmu), chief of the Basa, has been on a six weeks' leave in the USSR since 20 June. His deputy was a civilian with the name of Takhtashov (fmu).

It was learned, that the monthly salary of all members of the headquarters at Werder was cut from 20 to 50 percent since June 1955. These measures resulted in decreased sales at the Basa in Werder. So far, the Basa has had an average turn-over of 10 million DME per quarters. The warehouse for textiles and furs alone has had a turn-over of 150,000 to 200,000 DME per day. At present, this same warehouse only has an average turn-over of 5,000 to 8,000 DME per day. The morale of officers and personnel was good in spite of the reduction in their salaries. A reduction in salaries in the near future was also announced for German employees of the Basa at Werder. A small percentage of German employees were scheduled to be discharged, but the management of the Basa was against these measures. On 20 June 1955, a conference of all supply officers and commanding officers of air force units was held at Friedrichs-Hohe in the restricted area. About 300 persons were present.

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3. The following is detailed information on commissaries mentioned:

Commissary (5) with Bilyatski (fmu) as chief had taken over an additional warehouse in Trollehangen on 1 July 1955. Fifty bomber breast insignia were purchased for this warehouse. Warehouse XII (7b) at Wangsdorf, which formerly belonged to the Baga at Werder, ~~has belonged~~ to the Baga at Wuensdorf since 1 July. Commissary (2) with Trifimov (fmu) as chief bought 50 epaulets for artillery EM, 1,000 artillery insignia, and 1,000 insignia for radio operators. 1

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5. Since 10 July 1955, parachute jumps were practiced at Werder airfield almost daily. One man each jumped from 1 to 3 biplanes at altitudes of 800 to 1,000 meters. The parachutists used one or two chutes.

6. Between 4 and 9 July, Soviet soldiers made parachute jumps over the Kleiner Zernsee and Grosser Zernsee between 1600 and 1900 daily. Po-2s were involved in these exercises. Daily, two to three Po-2s with one parachutist took off at intervals of about 10 minutes. After the planes had reached an altitude of 600 to 1,000 meters, they headed toward the Kleiner Zernsee and the Grosser Zernsee respectively. Approximately over the center of the lake, the parachutist climbed out of his seat and dropped from the lower left wing. The parachute opened after descending 200 to 300 meters. The parachutist landed on the water, floated on it by means of a life-saving vest, and after a short while was picked up by a motor boat. During the three-hour training period, 12 to 15 parachute jumps were made. 2

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1. Comment. According to previous information, Commissary (5) supplied the military posts at Rechlin-Laerz and Neubrandenburg-Trollehangen. Commissary (2) supplied Zerbst and Jueterbog. The other commissaries remained unchanged.

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2. Comment. These parachute jumps are probably routine jumps by soldiers of Hq Twenty-Fourth Air Army.

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